



# FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

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2023-2024 Information for College Planning





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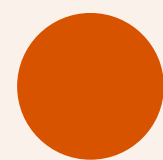
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# TIMELINE

general junior and senior year  
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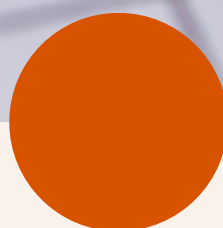
## JUNIOR YEAR

### FALL

- **talk to your school counselor** about the year ahead
- start developing a **resume**
- engage in **activities/extracurriculars**
- take the PSAT if applicable
- make a list of colleges that interest you and **research** their requirements
- consider taking the SAT and/or ACT

### SPRING

- register for the **SAT and/or ACT** if applicable
- plan **college visits**
- make a list of teachers, counselors, mentors etc. who you might ask to write **letters of recommendation** on your behalf
- think about lining up a **summer job** or internship
- begin searching for **scholarships**

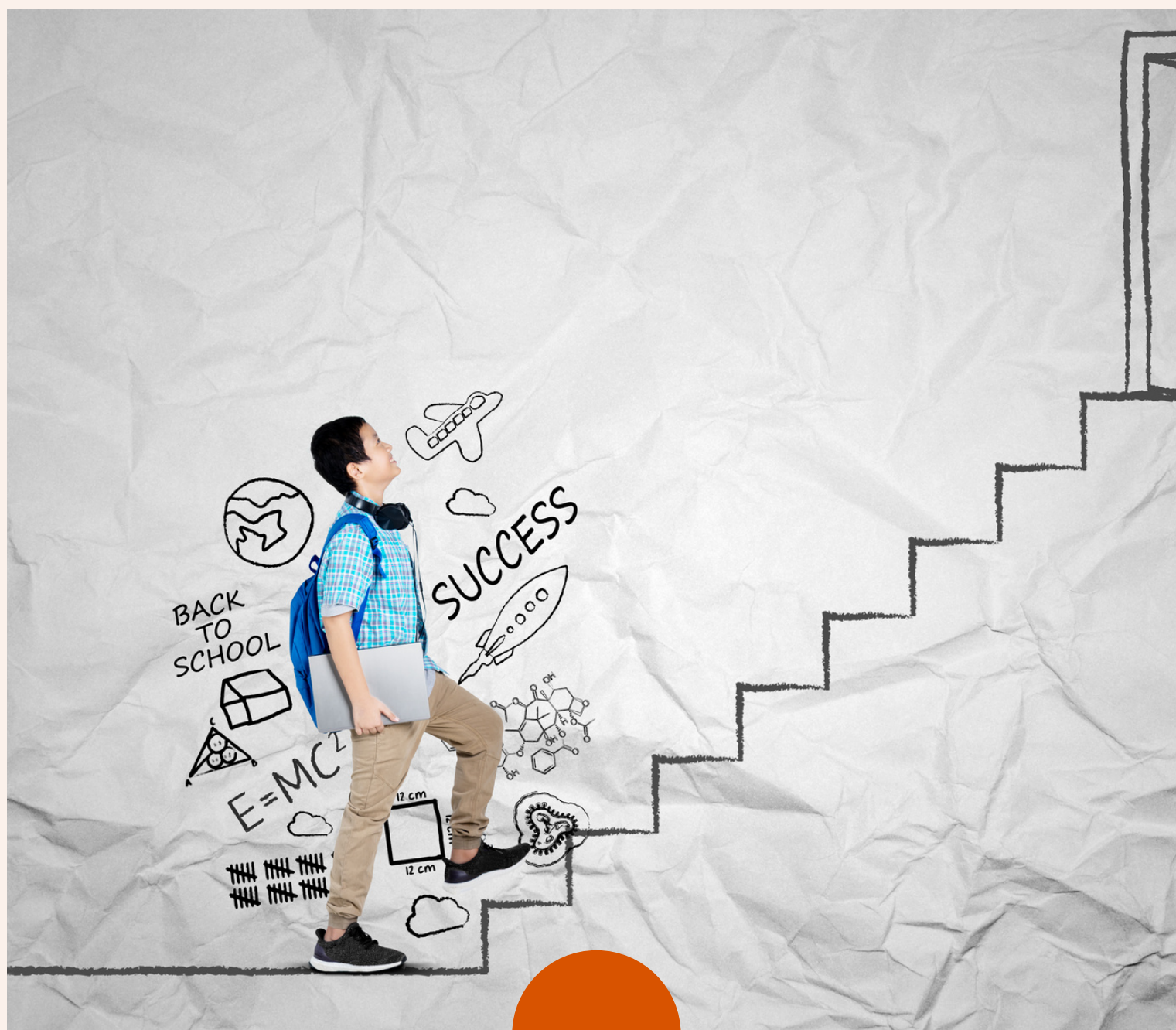




# TIMELINE



general junior and senior year  
timelines for college planning



## SENIOR YEAR

### FALL & WINTER

- talk with your school counselor!
  - making plans, checklists, application fee waivers
- **review** the applications and deadlines for your college(s) of interest
- register for the SAT and/or ACT if applicable
- create **FSA ID** and prepare to **file the FAFSA**
- **request** recommendation letters
- research and begin **scholarship applications**
- **submit** college applications with Fall deadlines

### SPRING

- apply for **scholarships**
- **avoid senioritis!** you will have to submit final transcripts
- Feb -April- acceptance letters and financial aid offers will start to arrive
- **commitment day** May 1st
- request final high school transcript be sent to your college
- orientation/advising/registration



**SCAN**

# **12TH YEAR WORKBOOK**

**SCAN FOR TONS OF  
VALUABLE COLLEGE  
PLANNING RESOURCES**







## FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID

complete and file **every year**  
in post-secondary education



**UNIVERSITY**



**COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



**TRADE SCHOOL**



**WORK STUDY**

### **LOANS**

need to be repaid,  
with interest

### **GRANTS**

gift based on  
financial need

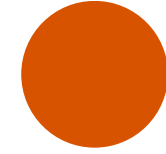
### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

gift based on merit,  
achievements or effort

**you DO NOT need to know where you're going or what  
program you're studying to apply for financial aid**







# THE 'NEW' FAFSA



## FORM IS SHORTER AND LESS COMPLEX

estimated to go from 118 questions to about 36 questions

## MORE PELL GRANTS

more students will be eligible for Pell Grants, and the average award will be larger

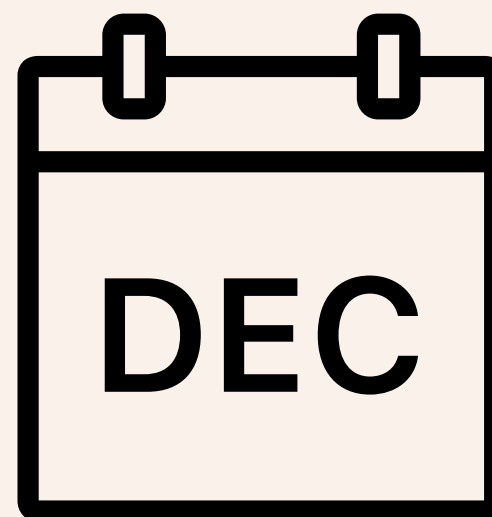
- last year the average Pell Grant award was around \$5,000

## EVERYONE NEEDS AN FSA ID

everyone who contributes information to the FAFSA will need an FSA ID

- some situations, both parents AND student need to create a FSA ID
- FSA IDs need to be verified before you can file, can take 1-3 days

## RELEASES IN DECEMBER (HOPEFULLY)





# THE 'NEW' FAFSA



## SAI - STUDENT AID INDEX

measures ability to pay for college

- can be negative amount (indicating financial need)
- replacing EFC, Expected Family Contribution

## ROLE BASED INFORMATION ENTRY

each role completes their own section of the FAFSA application (ie-student, parent)

- both roles can be accessed at the same time
- no saving needed

## PRIMARY CUSTODIAL PARENT

the parent that has provided the greater portion of the student's financial support

➡ [more information here](#)





## Washington Application for State Financial Aid

- only need to complete one application (FAFSA OR WASFA)
- A person should complete the WASFA if they are undocumented or do not qualify for federal financial aid because of their immigration status





# TEXT OTTERBOT

a free texting service that provides tips, reminders and updates about College planning and Financial Aid to Washington students

- ask it questions!

	OtterBot for Students	OtterBot for Parents
How do I get started?	Text "Hi OtterBot" to 360-928-7281	Text "Hi OtterBot" to 360-634-0354
How many texts will I get?	11th grade: 2 per month 12th grade: 8-12 per month	At least two per month





# WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT

**One of the most generous financial aid programs in the country.**

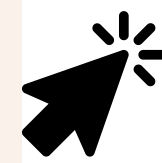
The amount you receive depends on family size, income, and the cost of your school or program.

*For example, if your family of four makes:*

- \$73,000 or less, your college or career training could be free!
- Up to \$112,500, you could get some money for college or training.



# SCHOLARSHIPS



[comprehensive scholarship list here](#)

- listed in order of upcoming deadline
- includes application links and eligibility



## **Scholarship opportunity:**

LaunchNW with Innovia is offering “promise scholarships” to students who participate as peer-to-peer mentors in their pilot program

- paired with 9th/10th grader and meet 1x a week to work on school success and college preparedness
- come talk to Mrs. Mckenna if interested





# SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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## P.E.O. Star Scholarship

**\$2,500**

a senior female who exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities and community service

## Voice of Democracy Scholarship

**\$1,000- \$35,000**

Veterans of Foreign Wars - record audio essay answering “What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?”

## Washington Wheat Ambassador (WAWG)

**\$4,500 and \$5,000**


promote leadership and agriculture and understand importance of wheat industry







# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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- **Common App**- single admissions application
  - All Washington public Universities are **PERMANENTLY test-optional**
    - your SAT and ACT scores can NEVER hurt your application, only benefit it
  - **Holistic Admissions**- considering the WHOLE student in admissions review process
    - not just academics or even sports/clubs
    - mention **everything that makes you, you**
      - ie- awards, activities, experiences, at-home responsibilities/circumstances



# DEADLINES

**BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**  
NOV 1

**CARROLL COLLEGE**  
NOV 1

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
NOV 1

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
NOV 15\* Final Deadline

**WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY**  
NOV 15

**UNIVERSITY OF OREGON**  
NOV 15

## **PRIORITY DEADLINE\***

70% of applicants are admitted by this date and are given the most scholarship consideration. Applications submitted after this date are admitted on a space-available basis.

**GONZAGA UNIVERSITY**  
DEC 1

**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**  
FEB 1

**CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**  
MARCH 1

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
MARCH 31

## **ROLLING ADMISSIONS:**

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO  
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
MONTANA STATE



## COLLEGE & CAREER MENTORING AT LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

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**sign-up for weekly group mentorship  
sessions with current EWU students**

- during the school day
- get college/financial aid/career questions answered
- gain insight into college life
- networking!

